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Subject: RE: San Jacinto Pits Community Awareness Meeting 3-24-10 media message wording
Date: 04/05/2010 05:41 PM
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Just so we're all on the same page, this is the version Donn and I discussed on Friday. Thanks again everyone for the great work! You're absolutely right, Nancy, synergy is awesome!

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To: Patel, Snehal (CAO)
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Thanks all. As discussed with Rita Obey on Fri., The SJWP site Mgmt. team has reviewed and we have forwarded to EPA R6 Media Relations for finalizing.

RE: San Jacinto Pits Community Awareness Meeting 3-24-10 media message wording

Patel, Snehal (CAO)	Sanders, Herman (HCPID), Obey, Rita (PHES), to: Nancy.Ingram@dshs.state.tx.us , ctaylor@tceq.state.tx.us , Donn Walters, khaldin@wm.com	04/05/2010 09:06 AM
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Thanks for everyone's works on this.

Three comments:

The area may be dangerous - suggest changing to "is" We already have data of high levels of dioxins and it is the reason it is a superfund site..

I am not clear on this bullet. Safe from what? Maybe leave this out.

☐ More work is planned for areas next to the Site. Water and sediment will be tested to find out if they are safe.

Last comment: You may have already talked about this especially with Nancy on that team. One bullet says don't eat fish from upper galveston bay etc. All those areas are under a fish advisory that people can eat one fish a month unless pregnant or nursing mothers or children. We will probably get questions about this. Difference between the advisory and what this says. Nancy, what are your thoughts?

Thanks again,
Snehal

From: Sanders, Herman (HCPID)
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 7:52 AM
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This document looks and reads really well.

I made two minor edits to the word "(Site)" and "site".

Herman

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Thanks for the edits, guys. If no one sees anything else by Monday pm, I'll make these last edits and send it to Leah as a handout for our next meeting.

Sent using BlackBerry
Rita Obey

From: Ingram, Nancy <Nancy.Ingram@dshs.state.tx.us>
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Cc: Patel, Snehal (CAO)
Sent: Fri Apr 02 08:33:17 2010
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I noticed
"to" in the sentence – an editing remnant...
Should we also include (IP) ?

- A team of engineering and environmental professionals are working ~~to~~ on this project.
- Two companies under the direction of U.S. EPA are paying for this work. These companies are McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation (MIMC) and International Paper (IP).

I like this additional message - thanks.

- Even if you have eaten fish and crab from these waters before you should NOT eat any more. Fish and crabs from these waters may have dangerous chemicals in them.

Synergism is awesome. Great job on the final draft everybody.

Nancy Ingram

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Hello again,

Well, I've attempted to take the best from each version to develop a document that is easy to read and understand as well as address Snehal's concern. The reading level is 9.0. Your thoughts, please.

Rita Obey

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Rita, yours bounced back because I didn't have the whole address I there.

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Rita et al,

I placed all information under the first heading, tried to use shorter sentences, less complex words, and less detail.

I don't know if you wanted less detail. It is barely under 10th grade...Keep or toss as you all see fit.

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